Jurisdiction of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnapuram.

86. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the registration jurisdiction over Vallikunnam *pakuthi* in Mavelikara taluk has been ordered to be transferred from the Sub-Registrar, Krishnapuram, to the Sub-Registrar, Nuranad;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the longest and the shortest distances to the different parts of Vallikunnam *pakuthi* from the Sub-Registrar's office, Krishnapuram, are only about 4 miles and 2 miles, respectively, whereas from the Nuranad Sub-Registrar's office they are 9 miles and 6 miles, respectively;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the people of Vallikunnam *pakuthi* have, through petitions to the Government and through their representatives, been agitating for the transfer of the *pakuthi* to the jurisdiction of the Krishnapuram Munsiff's court and the Kayankulam Police Station, from that of the institutions at Mavelikara, but that no inhabitant of the Vallikunnam *pakuthi* has ever petitioned the Government or their officers for the transfer of the registration jurisdiction of their *pakuthi* to the Sub-Registrar, Nuranad;

(*d*) the action taken on the petitions of the people of Vallikunnam *pakuthi* praying that the transfer of the registration jurisdiction be cancelled; and

(*e*) whether they will restore the registration jurisdiction of Vallikunnam *pakuthi* to the Sub-Registrar, Krishnapuram?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The shortest distance from Krishnapuram to one of the extremities of Vallikunnam *pakuthi* may be two miles but the longest distance from the other extremity is not 4 miles as stated. The greater part of the *pakuthi* is nearer to Nuranad than to Krishnapuram and the change of jurisdiction is convenient to the majority of the inhabitants of the *pakuthi* except to those who live at the western end of it.

(*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) Some petitions have been received and the Government intend to consider whether any change of jurisdiction can be usefully effected with a view to curtail the inconveniences alleged to be felt.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (*b*) of the answer, where it is stated:

"The greater part of the *pakuthi* is nearer to Nurnad than to Krishnapuram and the change of jurisdiction is convenient to the majority of the inhabitants of the *pakuthi* except to those who live at the western end of it."

may I know whether any of the people of that *pakuthi* had petitioned to the authorities for this change of jurisdiction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. Although we do not know from which part of the *pakuthi* the petitions have been sent, we have received petitions from the people.

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